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Draft Strategies and Public Process for CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Move to accept the draft recommendations from General Government Committee; launch the Citizen Participation Process; and, schedule a June 12th public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

City Manager Recommendation:

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Report

Issue:

Whether the priority strategies for the Community Development Block Grant Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2018 - 2022) are ready for public review in the CDBG Citizen Participation Process.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Anna Schlecht, Community Service Programs Manager.

Background and Analysis:

The goal for tonight's meeting is to accept the General Government Committee recommendations or to develop new recommendations for priority strategies for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2018 - 2022) and then to launch the CDBG Citizen Participation Process with a public hearing to be held on June 12th. The attached "*Draft Community Development Block Grant Strategies*" presents the General Government Committee recommendations.

CDBG Program Purpose: The CDBG Program was created as a “bundled” federal aid program intended to aid the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Regulations for the CDBG Program are contained in 24 CFR 570.

Public Process: The draft Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan will be made available for public review in the CDBG Citizen Participation Process, summarized as follows:

April 25	General Government Committee Recommendations
May 22	Council launch of the CDBG Citizen Participation Process
May 23 - June 23	30 Day CDBG Citizen Participation Process
June 12	Public Hearing - Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan
June 26	Council review & approval of draft 5-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan
July 13	Submission of Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan to HUD

Please note that the first year of the Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan will be the coming Program Year (PY) 2018 which is addressed in a separate agenda item.

Prior Discussions: This item was discussed at General Government Committee four meetings in 2017: April 26, 2017, August 23, 2017, October 6, 2017, November 17, 2017 and April 25, 2018.

Alignment with other Plans: The Council has a stated goal to align CDBG strategies with other plans. Related plans and their respective goals are summarized in the attachment *“Olympia CDBG Consolidated Plan - Alignment with Other Plans”*. In addition to these plans, the Committee may also want to consider how our CDBG program will align with the Olympia Home Fund.

Joint Consolidated Planning Process with Thurston County: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the City and the County work together to develop a joint Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The City and the County contracted with State Department of Commerce to scope the joint plan, to gather needs data and to assist in the development of priority strategies. Both the County and the City will develop their unique strategies for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This plan is presented in the attached *“Citizen Summary - Regional Consolidated Plan (2018 - 2022)”* and the longer version, *“Draft Regional Consolidated Plan (2018 -2022) - Full Federal Format”*.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

All neighborhoods and community stakeholders have an interest in how federal CDBG funds are invested in community development programs and projects.

Options:

1. Accept the draft recommendations from General Government Committee; launch the Citizen Participation Process; and, schedule a June 12th public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
2. Modify the draft recommendations from General Government Committee; launch the Citizen

Participation Process; and, schedule a June 12th public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

3. Delay the process to accept the draft recommendations from General Government Committee; launch the Citizen Participation Process; or, to schedule a June 12th public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2018 - 2022). Provide staff guidance on next steps. A delayed process risks non-compliance resulting from a late submission to HUD.

Financial Impact:

The Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan (2018 - 2022) will guide the investment of an estimated total of \$2,500,000. This includes projected annual revenues of \$350,000 in new CDBG funds, and \$150,000 in CDBG Program Income from prior year loans.

Attachments:

- Draft Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan Strategies
- Olympia CDBG Consolidated Plan - Alignment with Other Plans
- CDBG Program Annual Cycle
- Draft Citizen Summary - Regional Consolidated Plan (2018 - 2022)
- Draft Regional Consolidated Plan (2018 - 2022)